



**PARTYGOERS . . .** Mesdames John Delsigne, P. H. Lisman, and Victor Benstead, left to right, admire a village snow scene as they enter the home of Mrs. Wilfred Stevens, 1630 W. 214th St., for a Torrance Terrace Garden Club luncheon and gift exchange. Party was held last Wednesday afternoon.

**Garden Club Has Yule Fete**

Gaily-colored Christmas balls spilling from horns of plenty took the center of attention in table decor last Wednesday as Torrance Terrace Garden Club held a luncheon and gift exchange at the home of the president, Mrs. Wilfred Stevens, 1630 W. 214th St.

Tall, fat candles covered with swirls of green and red metal in foil completed the Yuletide theme.

Following the luncheon, games were played, with Mesdames H. L. Mitchell and Stevens receiving prizes for high scores. Mrs. James Duroy directed the games.

Decorations for the affair were done by Mrs. W. B. Hickcox.

**Council PTA Sends Books Overseas**

Torrance Council Parent-Teacher Association is sending Christmas cheer around the world this year instead of exchanging gifts among its members.

The "cheer" will be three packages of books purchased through "CARE" and sent overseas to countries of the donor's choice.

Council members approved the idea at last Tuesday's luncheon meeting, held at the home of the president, Mrs. Victor Benard, 1448 Engracia Ave.

Officers and chairman hosted the affair, which honored Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent, and other administrative personnel of Torrance Unified School District.

**BROWNIES FETE MOMS WITH CHRISTMAS TEA**

Paying tribute to their mothers, Brownie Scouts of Troop No. 236, sponsored by Torrance Elementary School PTA, held a Christmas tea last Wednesday afternoon at the school auditorium.

**Nativity Kids Parents Set Xmas Party**

Next Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, will be family night at the Civic Auditorium.

Nativity School children and their parents will gather at the hall at 7:30 o'clock for a Christmas party and program sponsored jointly by the Mothers Club and Sisters of the school.

A Santa Claus will be on hand to pass out candy treats to the children.

Plans for the seasonal party were made at last Tuesday's meeting of the Mothers Club, conducted by Mrs. Ivan Colton, president.

Under the direction of Mrs. Dabbs, chairman, mothers also served a first Friday breakfast to school children last week. These breakfasts are held each month for those participating in communion.

Aiding Mrs. Dabbs in serving the hot chocolate and rolls were Mesdames Joseph Lucas, Harry Green, Colton, Milton Boudreaux, Don Davis, Michael Strellich, Frank Dalton, Joseph Turkmany, Joseph Powers, E. K. Cunningham, Michael Gurrola, Louis Briganti, Joseph Kane, Donald Franklin, Samuel Webb, and Anthony Nincevic.

**Ham Luncheon Will Highlight Senior Holiday**

Ham will be the main course next Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 17, when the Torrance Woman's Club observes Yuletide with a 12:30 o'clock luncheon and gift exchange.

Board members, who are hostesses for the day, will supply the ham, and other dishes will be furnished by club members.

Following a short business meeting, Mrs. W. I. Laughon, song leader, will conduct community singing of carols. Mrs. J. H. Burchett, music chairman, will accompany at the piano.

Mesdames Laughon and Burchett also will entertain with a duet, "Christmas Tree Lane."

Gift exchange portion of the festivities will be directed by Mrs. Grover C. Van Deventer, program chairman.

**D. Hoy Tells Nuptial Date**

Miss Della May Hoy, who revealed her engagement to Cpl. Harold Eichron Jr. in September, has set her wedding date for Jan. 31.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Hoy, 1635 W. 216th St., she will exchange vows with the corporal at ceremonies in the First Baptist Church here.

The benedict-elet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eichron Sr. of North Los Angeles, is now stationed at Camp Atterbury, Ind. He will receive his discharge Dec. 22.

**Circles Plan Yule Parties**

Carrying out the tradition of Yuletide gatherings, Circles Six and Seven, Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will hold parties next Thursday evening, Dec. 18.

Circle Six will hold its festival at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Ernest E. Tanner, 20509 Elliot Ave., while Circle Seven will meet at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Neal F. Hopper, 1768 Calamar St.

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**Children Are In Christmas Spotlight**



**TURNABOUT . . .** Little James Plummer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Plummer of Harbor City, finds out 'tis more blessed to give than receive as he presents Santa with a gift. The package, along with others donated by children

of Torrance Junior Woman's Club members, will be distributed at the Ventura Home for Girls. Photographed with James and St. Nick are other small fry who brought their gifts and enjoyed an evening of entertainment last Wednesday at the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia.

**Narbonne Grad Plays Harbor Concert Solo**

A last year graduate of Narbonne High School, James Butterfield, will take a solo spotlight next Tuesday night, Dec. 16, when the Harbor Symphony Orchestra plays its second concert of the season at Harbor Junior College in Wilmington.

Concert, open to the public, will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

Butterfield, winner of the San Pedro Symphony Association's music award last year, will be featured as a bassoonist in "Concerto in B Flat," by Mozart.

Another soloist for the evening will be John Staric of San Pedro. He will play the English horn solos in the large movement from Dvorak's "New World Symphony."

The orchestra will be conducted by Robert S. Marsteller, first trombonist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, and a music lecturer at the University of Southern California.



**MANGER SCENE . . .** Included in the cast portraying the Christmas story for the Perry School PTA at last Thursday night's program in the school auditorium were, front row, left to right, Annie Verduzzo, Raymond Grace, Gloria Stinger, Jeanette Kelley, and Angie Cerda; back row, left to right, Patricia Chase, Walter Fichtner, and Connie Carroll.

**Legion Ladies To Brighten Vets' Xmas**

Helping to make Christmas a little brighter for veterans in hospitals in this area will keep members of Bert S. Crossland Unit No. 170, American Legion Auxiliary, busy during the next few weeks.

The women will visit various hospitals to trim holiday trees and also will clerk in several stores offering servicemen free gifts for their families.

Plans for the philanthropic work were made at last Tuesday's meeting, held at the Legion Hall. Mesdames Carl Ross, president; Patrick Boyle, and B. W. Roberts are in charge of the projects.



**BEHIND THE SCENES . . .** Checking their scores before going on stage at Torrance Elementary School auditorium last Thursday night were these songbirds who participated in the "Christmas program presented to PTA Members. Left to right, they are John Alter, soloist with the Boy's Glee Club, who sang "White Christmas"; Susan Babcock, who presented "O Holy Night"; Marzetta Fowler, who entertained with "All That Wondrous Christmas Night"; and Karen Rice, soloist for the Girls Glee Club rendition of "Snow on the Streets."

**HOMES SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

One of the most distinctive things about America is the soft and sparkling beauty of its homes at Christmas time. The once-a-year preoccupation of its citizens with these evergreens, and lights brings about a splendor transforming small and large homes alike into colorful jewels—warm and inviting.

Now is the time for Torrance citizens to begin hatching ideas to brighten their homes in keeping with the Yuletide season, for the annual outdoor Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Torrance Terrace Garden Club is now in full swing. Competition began last Wednesday and it will continue through Dec. 22.

General Electric holiday lighting experts have listed the following basic suggestions which can mean an attractive, yet economical decoration for your home:

1. Decide what exterior features you want to emphasize — the high pitch of roof or gables, shrubbery, front door, or view window.
2. Determine the quality of

wire, sockets, and lamps needed. Weatherproof cord, socket fixtures, and plugs should be used outdoors.

3. Check the condition of string sets and devices, and replace worn, broken, or frayed parts.
4. Aids for holiday lighting are string sets, festoons, stars, projector flood lamps, molded plastic Santa faces and canes, electric candles, wreaths, and signs.

**USE INDIVIDUALITY**

How to combine these products into effective displays is a matter of individual taste. The lighting experts, however, have designed some specific displays which will help.

Begin at the door, where nothing is more effective than a handsome wreath of Christmas greens. Highlight it by placing a projector floodlight in a swivel-type holder and point it so that it shows up the deep green of the wreath and blankets the doorway in a soft white light. Shrubbery or small trees lend themselves to the conventional treatment with outdoor strings.

Try using solid colors on some trees, or patterns of two colors. All blue lights, except for a few white accents, are particularly effective.

Never homes without benefit of shrubbery often present a problem when it comes to holiday lighting. One solution is to entwine colored outdoor strings of lights and evergreen festoons, and framing a window, fasten it to the house in the shape of a giant tree. For a "tree within a tree" design, spot your indoor tree in the same window.

**ACCENT LINES**

Homes with interesting architectural lines particularly lend themselves to artistic yet dignified decorations.

One of the easiest methods and one which accents the lines of a home is to floodlight the whole house in a soft blue light. Projector floodlights (150-watt) using blue glass covers, can be concealed in low shrubbery on the front lawn.

Another popular way to show off the lines and planes of a house is to outline roofs or gables with strings of colored outdoor bulbs and garlands of greens. Festoons and strings are sold in lengths up to 100

sockets, or you can make your own with outside-type wire and pin-type sockets.

**USE WINDOWS**

Windows, especially picture windows, have the versatility of a stage and can reflect any mood or setting that you, the stage manager, want. They can serve simply as a window to show off the festive interior of your home, or as the highlight of your outdoor lighting scheme.

A "snowflake" window can be made by outlining top and sides of a rectangular-shaped window with colored outdoor Christmas lights covered with crinkled metal foil. Then cut lacy white snowflake outlines from paper doilies or napkins and fasten to the inside of window. Seen from the outside, the livingroom Christmas tree is dramatically framed by king-size snowflakes.

If you have an unusually attractive window, just outline it with strings of lights to form a perfect frame for the family Christmas tree. Balance the setting with lighted shrubbery.

Your ingenuity can find many other ways to put lights to work for you, to help you make your home say "Merry Christmas" on the outside!

This photo illustrates a popular way to show off architectural features of a home. Rooflines and gables are outlined with colored lights to carry out a Christmas theme. Photo by General Electric Co.

